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**Leona secretly coached to win show SIX months ago**

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STABBED: Helper Gary

## Vigil for knifed officer

THE four sons of a stabbed police helper were keeping a bedside vigil as he battled for life yesterday.

Gary Etchells, 47, a police community support officer who was knifed in the neck during a house eviction, was conscious but still critically ill.

The boys aged 19, nine, and twins of 15, waited by his bed at Tameside General Hospital in Greater Manchester.

### Evict

Gary's wife Andie, 45, said he had decided to assist the police because he wanted to do something worthwhile.

"He thought if he didn't do it at this stage of his life, he never would," said Andie. "I know he is really good at his job and loves it."

Her husband, from Glossop, Derbyshire, was stabbed when he went to help evict a man from a flat on Monday.

A man aged 63 was still being questioned yesterday.

## Cutback 'will kill patients'

PLANS to shut some casualty departments to improve services will cost lives, Tony Blair was warned yesterday.

He defended the health service changes in a speech in London after two reports called for specialist centres for conditions like strokes.

But Geoff Martin of campaign group Health Emergency said:

"Claiming that closing local A&E departments, trauma units and intensive care facilities will improve services turns all logic on its head."

"People are fighting these closures in their tens of thousands because they know closing local services and increasing journey times puts lives at risk."

# PLEASE DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN TO ANOTHER FAMILY



VICTIMS: Tragic Christi and Bobby Shepherd

## Safety call to holiday firms

by LAURA NEIL

THE grieving family of two holiday kids who died of carbon monoxide poisoning in Corfu hit out yesterday over their "pointless" deaths.

They demanded that holiday firms should act so that no other family would suffer the same anguish.

"We hope that we can contribute to pushing the multi-million pound holiday industry into providing at least a standard level of safety," said the parents of Christi Shepherd, seven, and her six-year-old brother Bobby, who died in October.

"That would allow all future holidaymakers to be confident they will wake up in the morning and take a breath of fresh air. "We as a family ask the holiday industry what measures they intend to take to prevent tragedies such as this ever happening again."

### Happy

The children's dad, Neil Shepherd, 38, told a news conference in the House of Lords that the children had gone to bed at the Louis Corcyra Beach Hotel "happy and excited".

But within 10 minutes, Mr Shepherd and his partner Ruth Beatson, 27, from Wakefield, West Yorks, went to comfort the children, but they collapsed. Both adults spent several days in a coma. It is thought fumes



CAMPAIGNING: The Corfu bungalow's boiler and, right, victims' dad Neil Shepherd

seeped into their room from a suspected faulty boiler.

Paul Wood, 36 - husband of the children's mum Sharon, 35 - said British tour operators' guidelines ruled that gas installations have to be inspected only once every three years.

He said that was "simply not good enough." Mr Wood



HEARTBREAK: Mum Sharon wipes away a tear yesterday



said there should at least be a proper check by a British Corgi-registered gas fitter every year.

He also called for carbon monoxide detectors to be made available to holiday-makers and a safety briefing by reps on the dangers of poisoning from fumes.

Five people have been

charged in Greece in connection with the deaths.

The firm which booked the holiday, Thomas Cook, said in a statement: "Thomas Cook has stringent and robust procedures in place to ensure the health and safety of all its customers at the properties it features."

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### Happy Birthday

Big-haired boxing promoter Don King is 74 today.



### Thought for the day...

I didn't fight my way to the top of the food chain just to become a vegetarian.

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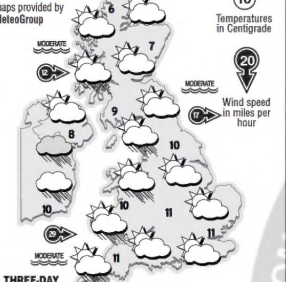
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### INFO STATION

**TODAY:** Much of the UK will be dry with some sunshine. Wales, north-west England and south-west Scotland will have a scattering of showers. A breezy day everywhere, with mist in some places.

**OUTLOOK:** Dry with sunny spells. Wales, north-west England and south-west Scotland will have showers. Rain for Northern Ireland later. Mild but breezy.

All forecasts and maps provided by MeteoGroup



### THREE-DAY OUTLOOK

Thursday Showers

Friday Showers

Saturday Showers

### POUND ABROAD

Australia	2.38 dollars
Canada	2.15 dollars
Cyprus	0.81 pounds
Czech Republic	38.19 korunas
Mexico	19.25 pesos
South Africa	13.19 rand
Thailand	63.09 baht
Turkey	2.71 new lira
United States	1.89 dollars

### EURO

Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Holland, Portugal, Spain	€ 1.41
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### ABROAD

Alicante	sunny	19c (66f)	N York	fog	2c (32f)
Corfu	sunny	16c (61f)	Nice	sunny	18c (64f)
Dublin	sunny	10c (50f)	Paris	cloudy	15c (59f)
L.A.	sunny	24c (75f)	Rhodes	fair	17c (63f)
Majorca	cloudy	19c (66f)	Rome	mist	16c (61f)
Miami	cloudy	24c (75f)	Tenerife	sunny	23c (73f)

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### LOTTO DAILY PLAY

TUESDAY DECEMBER 5

2 3 11 13 17 19 27

No ticket matched all 7 balls for the £30,000 prize

### SATURDAY LOTTO

DECEMBER 2

9 11 15 31 42 46 27

No tickets won the £4.7m jackpot

Dream Number: 4-4-0-7-4-2-5. No £500,000 winners

Tball 12, 25, 27, 33 (Tb 9). One £250k Tball winner

### WEDNESDAY LOTTO

NOVEMBER 29

17 20 31 40 42 46 1

Two tickets share the £3m jackpot

Dream Number: 0-1-1-3-3-4-4. No £500,000 winners

Tball: 7, 15, 20, 29, 32 (Tb 4). No £250k winners

### EURO MILLIONS

FRIDAY DEC 1

4, 8, 16, 37, 41

Lucky Star Numbers 2, 5

No ticket matched the £10m jackpot

## Xmas post threat

POSTAL workers threatened Christmas card chaos yesterday by announcing a strike ballot at two of the country's largest depots - Filton, Bristol, and Birmingham. Staff are in dispute with bosses over a new parcel handling machine.

Ballot forms were sent to workers yesterday but Royal Mail has assured customers that contingency plans are in place if the strike goes ahead.

If the vote is yes, Royal Mail will be given a week's notice of any disruption. David Wiltshire, of the Communication Workers Union, said a "sensible and mature dialogue" was needed to resolve the dispute.





*Natalie*

★ **NAUGHTY** Natalie knows you need a hat to get ahead.  
 ★ The 19-year-old former Tesco worker recently told us she feels naked without her mobile and that she spent £180 in calls in a month.  
 ★ Looks like she's spent too much again this week. For all our sakes Nat, keep making those calls!

Picture: JEANY SAVAGE

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## RICKY IN IVY FOOD FIGHT



Picture: XPOSURE

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: Ricky and partner Jane Fallon

# It's a Celeb Eaterie..so GEST him out of here

■ **EXCLUSIVE** by CHARLI MORGAN

**FUNNYMAN** Ricky Gervais was so horrified by jungle star David Gest's "revolting" table manners at a top restaurant he asked to be moved.

The Office star was at a table opposite the I'm A Celeb contestant at The Ivy in London's West End.

Gest, 53, was eating with his mouth open, dribbling wine down his chin and spitting flecks of food at his friends as he talked.

And Ricky, 45, who was dining with pals, was so "disgusted" by Gest's stomach-churning table manners he begged waiters to move him across the restaurant.

### Squeezed

An insider said: "You can't really blame Ricky for asking to be moved. It was revolting to watch David eat."

"It was beginning to make poor Ricky lose his appetite so he politely asked the Maitre D to seat him out of viewing distance. He couldn't even bring himself to make eye contact with David as he squeezed past."

Gest is determined to pile on the pounds he lost in the jungle. He's set to bag millions in TV and advertising deals after finishing fourth in the ITV show.

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**TUCKER TRIAL:** Gest had problem eating his food politely

Picture: MATRIXPHOTOS.COM



# POISON SPY COPS LEFT OUT IN COLD

## Back off warns Russia

**RUSSIA has stamped its authority on British police probing the murder of ex-spy Alexander Litvinenko by pledging: "We're in charge."**

The Kremlin insists that it will call the shots during the inquiry into the KGB defector's poisoning from deadly polonium 210.

Nine UK counter-terrorism officers have flown to Moscow to quiz potential suspects.

But prosecutor Yuri Chalka said anybody charged would face trial in Russia and would not be extradited to the UK. And he said Brit detectives would be banned from asking suspects their own questions.

He also dismissed claims that the polonium 210 came from Russia.

### Raided

He said: "It couldn't happen here. It's all sheer nonsense."

"Why do you think it was not Britain that produced it?"

"It is we who are doing the interrogating. They can only attend. It cannot be otherwise. Of course they can ask us for permission to conduct interviews, which we may or may not grant."

Meanwhile, police raided five addresses in Italy in connection with Mario Scaramella, 38 - who met Litvinenko on the day he was struck down by the poison - and who has also tested positive.

They were thought to be searching for a DVD in which Litvinenko, 43, named Italian politicians with KGB

by NADINE LINGE

connections. Litvinenko, 43, was contaminated at a sushi bar in London and in a dramatic death-bed statement, blamed Russian PM Vladimir Putin for his murder.

Key witnesses will include Andrei Lugovoi, a businessman and former KGB officer, who met Litvinenko in a hotel on the day he was poisoned.

Lugovoi says he has also been contaminated with polonium 210 and is currently in hospital, although he insists he had nothing to do with Litvinenko's poisoning.

But detectives will not be allowed to visit ex-intelligence officer Mikhail Trepashkin, currently in jail in Russia for revealing secret information.

In letters smuggled out of Russia last week Trepashkin claimed a secret hit squad had been set up to target Litvinenko and other critics of Vladimir Putin's government in 2002.

Trepashkin's lawyer Yelena Lipster blasted: "I think in this way (the Russian authorities) are obstructing the investigation."

The Health Protection Agency confirmed yesterday two new addresses in London were being examined for radiation, including the Parkes Hotel in Knightsbridge.

It also emerged that Litvinenko's funeral will be on Friday - after his family were given permission by the coroner to go ahead with the burial following last week's post-mortem.

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MURDERED: Litvinenko



CONTACT: Scaramella

## Chief in blast deaths pledge



VICTIM: Brian Wembridge

A CHIEF fire officer last night pledged an "open and honest" investigation into a firework storage depot blast that killed two firemen.

Des Prichard warned that the probe into the circumstances leading up to the tragedy would be "long and protracted".

And he said he owed it to the families of Brian Wembridge and Geoff Wicker for the full facts to be unearthed.

by LAURA NEIL

fireman Mr Wicker, 49, and support officer Mr Wembridge, 63, both died at the Festival Fireworks site near Lewes, East Sussex, on Sunday.

### Infancy

Mr Prichard, chief fire officer of East Sussex, said that speculation was "not helpful".

Chief Supt Nick Wilkinson, of Sussex police, said he would not rule out a criminal investigation, but stressed that the inquiry was still in its infancy.

## Pc tells of gun horror

A ROOKIE policewoman relived the day she was gunned down yesterday.

CCTV showed Pc Rachael Bown, 24, being blasted in the stomach as she begged a suspected burglar not to shoot.

Pc Bown wept in court as she said: "I was scared because he had a gun."

She saw her colleague Pc Martin Foster spray the man with CS gas.

### Pain

"That was when I heard a bang. I was screaming. I was in bad pain," she told Nottingham Crown Court.

Pc Bown was among several officers called to a break-in in the Lenton district of Nottingham.

Trevon Thomas, 24, of Bilborough, Nottingham, denies attempted murder, possessing a firearm with intent to endanger life and making use of a firearm with intent to resist arrest. The trial continues.

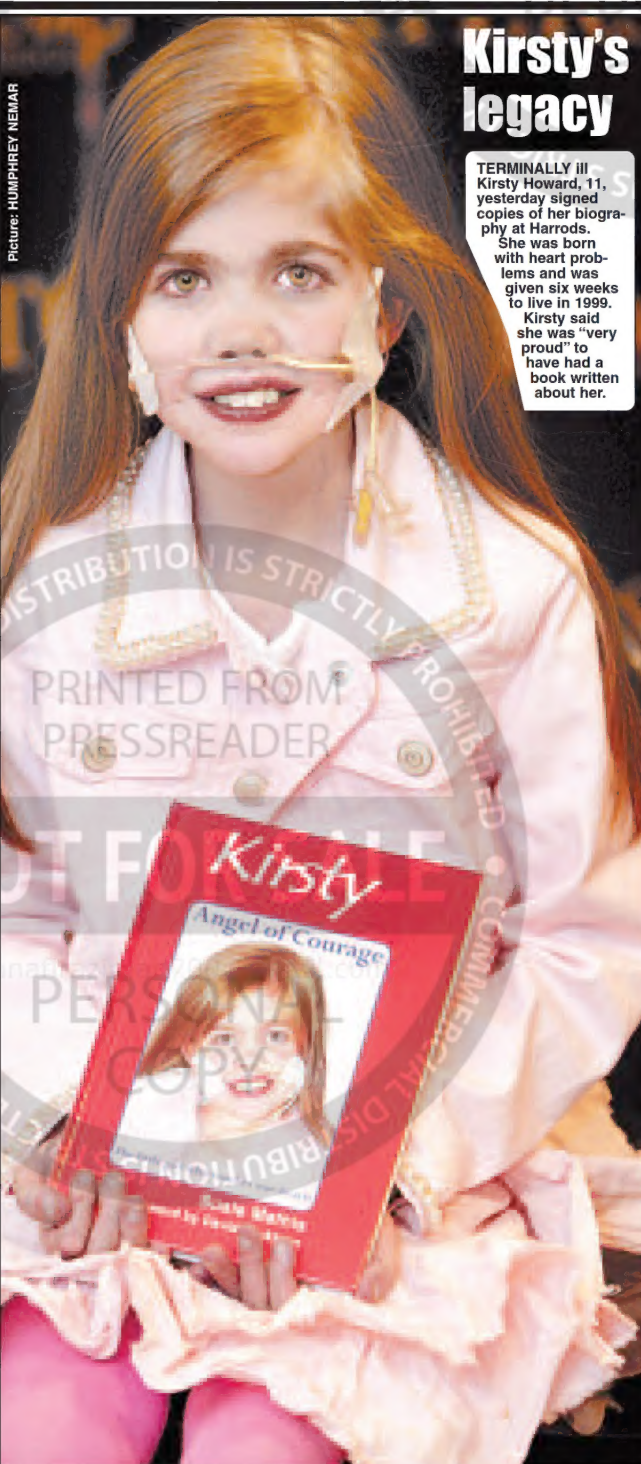
## Kirsty's legacy

TERMINALLY III Kirsty Howard, 11, yesterday signed copies of her biography at Harrods.

She was born with heart problems and was given six weeks to live in 1999.

Kirsty said she was "very proud" to have had a book written about her.

Picture: HUMPHREY NEMAR



**Fit**

**ON FEET**

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## Cheap US gift shock

BRITS flying to New York for cheap Christmas presents were warned last night to watch out for a crackdown by "Scrooge" customs officials.

Thousands of shoppers are jetting off to the Big Apple as the strong pound means US prices are much cheaper than Britain's High Street shops.

Gifts like iPod's cost £259 here but £176 in the US.

### Limit

HM Customs has warned that many passengers could be hit with a nasty shock.

That's because there's a £145 allowance on goods being brought into the UK from the US and anything over that limit can incur import duty and VAT.

A customs source said: "We are fed up with people walking through 'nothing-to-declare' loaded up with goods and evading duties."



# Here she is with Cowell coaches before X Factor auditions

CAUGHT: Leona flanked by Peniston and Modi in a picture ... LAST MAY



CeCe Sammy

Leona

John Modi

COY: Leona was tight-lipped leaving the X Factor house yesterday. Below a CD featuring her vocals  
Picture: WENN



# LEONA TO BE A BIG STAR

**X FACTOR** star Leona Lewis was at the centre of a **FIX-FACTOR** storm last night.

She has been secretly groomed for stardom by two of the UK's top vocal coaches, the Daily Star can reveal.

CeCe Sammy and John Modi are pals of her dad Joe but have links to Simon Cowell.

They've already worked with Pop Idol stars Will Young, 27, and Gareth Gates, 22, plus SClub 7 and Charlotte Church, 20.

The pair also had links with Sony BMG - Cowell's record

by NIGEL PAULEY

label - and 19 Management. An industry source claimed last night CeCe, 28, and John, 30, coached receptionist Leona, 21, until her TV debut.

He said: "Around the time of Leona's X Factor audition John and CeCe were working with Cowell, 47, on *Celebrity X Factor*. "There's no doubt they spotted her potential.

"These are the people who really groomed her for stardom."

Publicists for the ITV1 show described Leona as being a painfully shy girl who finds it

hard singing in front of people. But our source claimed: "She is in fact a confident professional singer. There's more to her than meets the eye."

Our source also alleged Leona had spent time working with LA-based producers.

Londoner Leona has also been on Radio 1 where she was interviewed by DJ Colin Murray, 29, and performed tracks last year.

And she recently rode high in the club and radio charts with underground smash *Private Party* featuring Ludacris.

Leona's parents, ex-soccer player Joe and wife Maria, 42, of

north London have spent an estimated £80,000 on her dream of stardom.

They forked out tens of thousands on a place at drama school, where fellow pupils included Katie Melua, 22, and Amy Winehouse, 22.

Leona even has her own recording studio in her bedroom.

Some of her musical efforts have been available on vinyl and as imports. However, details of her pop past have been wiped off the internet.

An X Factor spokesman said last night: "As has been widely stated Leona has had no recording contract and no management deal."

## Rules

"She has been trying to break into the music industry for years."

CeCe and John visited her home, he claimed, because CeCe is a friend of her dad.

He also added: "CeCe has had nothing to do with the current series."

Boy Band Avenue were kicked off X Factor after it was revealed they had been signed to a management company.

The rules state all entrants must be new unsigned talent.

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## I'll make Macs big says Roller

by MARK JEFFERIES

THE MacDonald Brothers look set for a singing career even though they got the *aXe Factor*. Bay City Roller Stuart Wood has offered a contract and wants to get them in the studio straight away.

He's convinced that if they can rush out a single after Christmas it will rocket to the top of the charts. Craig and Brian, both 20, were last night discussing their future with X Factor judge Louis Walsh, 54, who has first option on their services.



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## Oh my wad! Goldenballs is still No.1

# BECKS IS TOP OF THE £LEAGUE

by PAUL MALLEY

**DAVID Beckham is easily Britain's richest footballer - despite claims he's a fast fading force.**

Doubters have been predicting the end of Brand Beckham in what's been a year to forget on the pitch.

But new figures out yesterday reveal Becks has an £87million fortune - a staggering £12m more than last year when he also topped the earnings chart.

He was dumped from the England squad and looks to be on his way out of Real Madrid, but the midfielder is still a hot property.

Earlier this year he clinched a £7.5m, three-year deal with phone giant Motorola and also has big deals with Gillette, Pepsi and adidas.

The 31-year-old is now £55m ahead of his nearest challenger, Newcastle United striker Michael Owen, 26.

### Behind

But while Becks is sitting pretty compared to the personal fortunes of fellow footballers, he's well behind the sport's real money men - club owners.

He manages only 34th in FourFourTwo magazine's list of the 100 richest people in football.

Top of the pile with his £10.8billion fortune is Chelsea's Russian owner Roman Abramovich, 40.

London-born, Bahamas-based currency dealer Joe Lewis, 69, is runner-up with more than £2bn. His Enic company owns Tottenham Hotspur.

Celtic's Dermot Desmond, 56, comes in third with £1.25bn, with Manchester United's US owner, Malcolm Glazer, 78, at No.4 with £1.05bn.

And more megarich foreign owners are arriving in the Premiership.

Icelandic Eggert Magnusson's deal to seize West Ham for £85m boosted foreign control and Liverpool look likely to follow suit with a £450m buyout bid from the ruler of Dubai.

FourFourTwo editor Hugh Sleight said: "It's now very clear that foreign investors see British football as a major business opportunity - which poses worrying questions about the future."

"With six Premiership clubs already owned by foreign businessmen, we must assume that they are all up for sale."

● *FourFourTwo, featuring the Football Rich List 2007, is on sale now.*

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### TOP 10 PLAYERS

1	<b>David Beckham</b>	Real Madrid	£87m
2	<b>Michael Owen</b>	Newcastle Utd	£32m
3	<b>Robbie Fowler</b>	Liverpool	£28m
4	<b>Sol Campbell</b>	Portsmouth	£27m
5	<b>Rio Ferdinand</b>	Man Utd	£22m
6	<b>Ryan Giggs</b>	Man Utd	£22m
7	<b>Andriy Shevchenko</b>	Chelsea	£22m
8	<b>Thierry Henry</b>	Arsenal	£21m
9	<b>Wayne Rooney</b>	Man Utd	£20m
10	<b>Michael Ballack</b>	Chelsea	£18m

### TOP 10 OWNERS

1	<b>Roman Abramovich</b>	Chelsea	£10.8bn
2	<b>Joe Lewis</b>	Tottenham	£2.1bn
3	<b>Dermot Desmond</b>	Celtic	£1.25bn
4	<b>Malcolm Glazer</b>	Man Utd	£1.05bn
5	<b>Trevor Hemmings</b>	Charlton/Preston	£900m
6	<b>Sir Alan Sugar</b>	Tottenham	£790m
7	<b>Randy Lerner</b>	Aston Villa	£789m
8	<b>David Murray</b>	Rangers	£650m
9	<b>Simon Keswick &amp; family</b>	Cheltenham Town	£644m
10	<b>David Sullivan</b>	Birmingham City	£595m



GAME ON: Becks is still hot news in the world of merchandising



LOADED: Owen is runner-up in rich list



IN HIS POMP-EY: Campbell



KOP THAT: Robbie Fowler

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## Netting a fortune

**SPARE a thought for POOR old Becks - his glory days do seem numbered.**

He's been booted out of the England squad and looks to be on his way out of Real Madrid.

But before you shed too many tears on his behalf, just take a look at his ever-bulging wallet.

Despite an annus horribilis on the pitch for the Spanish giants and England, he's still performing where it really matters - at the bank.

Becks is sitting on an £87million fortune, which is a staggering £12m more than last year.

As Britain's richest player, he's £55m ahead of his nearest challenger. But that's still small potatoes when it comes to the real money men.

The former Manchester United star only makes 34th on the football rich list top 100.

Top of the pile with a £10bn fortune is Chelsea's Roman Abramovich. How do they get by?

## A veiled promise

**A VEILED Muslim woman will this year deliver the alternative Christmas message.**

It's a great idea.

The annual Christian festival has always been a celebration of big-hearted values like love, peace and goodwill.

It doesn't matter whether you are celebrating the birth of Christ or just paying your respects to another faith by joining in the celebrations.

We hope Christians, Muslims, Sikhs, Hindus, Buddhists, Jews and everybody all have a great time on December 25.

And perhaps this will give all Brits an excuse to join in some of the brilliant festivals which mark other religions such as Diwali, Eid and Chanukah.

If Britain is truly multicultural, we might as well all enjoy it to the absolute full instead of just rubbing along together.

We just hope that the alternative Christmas message is served with seasonal goodwill.

But we're not holding our breath!

## Hotting up

**SO Girls Aloud singer Sarah Harding admits she's dating Daily Star music man Joe Mott.**

That explains why he has been coming in so late!



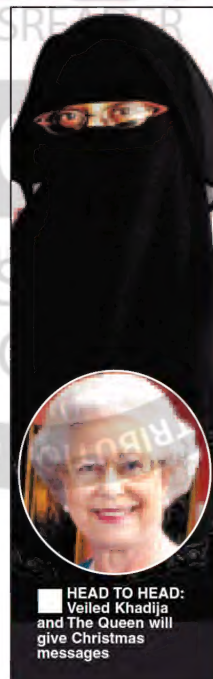
# Anger as Muslim woman is chosen for Christmas Day broadcast

## JINGLE VEILS! C4's alternative Queen's speech

**FESTIVE THOUGHTS:**  
Daily Star Page 3 girl Sophie, 23, reveals her Yuletide wish list for readers



Picture: CELEBRITY PICTURES



**HEAD TO HEAD:**  
Veiled Khadija and The Queen will give Christmas messages

by MARK JEFFERIES

**CHANNEL 4 sparked controversy last night after announcing its alternative Christmas message will be delivered by a Muslim woman wearing a full face veil.**

The female teacher, named only as Khadija, will go head-to-head with the Queen at 3pm on Christmas Day wearing the niqab, with only her eyes showing. And she will be "reflecting on the year that's gone" despite the fact that the majority of Muslims do not celebrate Christmas. The decision by the channel to ditch its usual celebrity and replace them with a lecturer in Islamic studies has sparked a major row.

### True

John Midgeley, 38, the co-founder of the Campaign Against Political Correctness, said last night: "Channel 4 is being deliberately provocative this Christmas time."

"True to form they are being politically correct. But how is it going to look when only a fraction of Muslim women wear the veil anyway?"

"This is likely to cause complaints from Christians. I would advise anyone looking for a traditional message to tune in to

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Her Majesty" And Robin Tillbrook, of the English Democrats added: "It seems to be extremely provocative. They want to be challenging towards the monarchy, but also want to challenge Christians on one of the chief festival days of Christianity."

John Beyer of watchdogs Mediawatch said: "It is calculated to give lots of publicity to Channel 4 but not for the right reasons."

### Fitting

But a Church of England spokesman said: "There must be freedom to celebrate the birth of Christ and freedom to opt out."

And Channel 4 said: "In a year in which issues of religious and racial identity, freedom of expression and social cohesion have dominated the news agenda, we feel it is fitting."

● **The Alternative Christmas Message is on at 3pm on Christmas Day on C4. The Queen's message is on ITV and BBC1.**

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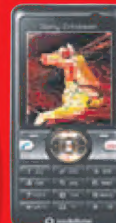
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## Daily Star's fun festive message ...from our Sophie

OUR page 3 babe Sophie Howard says: "Enjoy a drink and a laugh on Christmas Day. And in 2007 we would love to spend even more time in bikinis on the beach. "Everyone enjoys a beer or two - let's try and bring the price of a pint down. "In the next year we should get an extra day off and enjoy a three-day weekend. "If you're juggling family and career, give yourself a chance to catch up with friends over a meal at the local curry house. "Politicians need to get a sense of humour. "Spare a thought for our brave boys in Iraq and Afghanistan. "Next year back our footie and cricket boys to make the country proud again. "Hit telly shows like X Factor and Strictly Come Dancing should be for all year round. "And enjoy the best Page Three girls every day in your favourite Daily Star."

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## Shut up for sake of baby

JUST six months after they first met, Mel B and Eddie Murphy's love story has descended into a talkshow-style bust-up.

The pair had been telling anyone who would listen how they were planning a star-studded wedding at the Hotel Roosevelt on Hollywood Boulevard in LA.

Mel had told pals she was "beside herself with excitement", and had set a date in her diary for last month.

But the whole thing has spectacularly fallen apart in record speed - and

## of baby

doubting Murphy is now demanding a DNA test on Mel's unborn child.

Daily Star columnist Vanessa Feltz says: "Out of respect for the unborn baby, I think it would be both polite and appropriate to shut up about it in public until they have resolved it. Unless they want to come on my new 12.30pm ITV show."



# Mel B is dumped EDDIE

**HOLLYWOOD star Eddie Murphy has unveiled the woman he ditched pregnant ex-Spice Girl Mel B for.**

She is sexy 39-year-old film producer Tracey Edmonds.

And it emerged womanising Murphy, 46, dumped the former Scary Spice, 31, because she was bad-mouthing his mum.

Shocked Murphy was told about it by members of his staff.

A pal said: "He adores his mum Lillian and will not have a word said against her. He was told Mel B had been disrespectful and just hit the roof."

It meant tough-talking Tracey, former wife of singer Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds, 48, accompanied Murphy to the New York premiere of his new flick Dreamgirls, where he stars alongside Beyoncé Knowles, 25.

Tracey admitted the pair had been together "for about a month and a half."

Asked if they were happy, she said: "Yes, very happy. We're having fun."

And unlike Mel B, spoofed on comedy show Bo'Selecta by comic Leigh Francis, 33, she is said to be respectful of his mother.

The pal added: "Eddie said no one talks about his mother that way and that put an end to his relationship with Mel B."

"Like the star's mum his staff found Mel B 'rude and abrasive' and didn't get on with her."

"When she moved into Eddie's place Mel felt like she ruled the place and would order everyone around."

"The staff worked for Mr Murphy and not her. They were glad to see the back of her."

The funnyman is said to have "hit the roof" when he found out what Mel B had been saying.

Murphy's mum Lillian had been staying at the couple's Hollywood home while the star was on location filming his latest comedy Norbit.

Mel B and Lillian did not get on from the word go and clashed all the time. "There was only going to be one winner," the friend said.

And it also emerged last night that the Beverly Hills Cop star may have been cuddling up to beauty Tracey even as spurned Scary Spice was planning the couple's fairytale wedding.

A source close to Mel B said: "She is devastated. She is carrying his child and she really thought he was going to be with her forever and now she sees him smitten with a new lady."

"The fact he is demanding DNA proof

■ by CAMERON MILLAR

that her unborn baby is his just adds insult to injury."

Father-of-five Murphy had only revealed his split from Mel B, real name Melanie Brown, on Dutch TV just 24 hours before his appearance at his premiere.

When the Dutch interviewer asked him how his relationship with Mel B was going, he snapped: "You're being presumptuous because we're not together any more."

"And I don't know whose child that is until it comes out and has a blood test. You shouldn't jump to conclusions Sir."

Mel B, who has a seven-year-old daughter Phoenix-Chi, from her marriage to dancer Jimmy Gulzar, 39, moved to Hollywood three years ago in a bid to breathe new life into her flagging career.

She became friendly with Murphy, who is worth £70million after a string of successful films like Doctor Dolittle, after meeting through friends at a party in the summer.

But she reportedly "scared him off" with her pregnancy, according to pals, who also revealed "differences in their backgrounds" proved a stumbling point in their relationship.

## Swanky

Just two months ago, Mel B told chums she was planning a massive, star-studded wedding ceremony at a swanky Beverly Hills hotel to seal her love for Murphy.

Mel B appeared tired and disorientated when she arrived at Los Angeles airport earlier this week.

Wearing a trademark leopard-print dress and knee-high boots, the singer chatted on her mobile phone as she hurried through the terminal.

But she didn't even remember to pick up

her luggage.

One onlooker said: "Someone brought Phoenix-Chi to meet Mel at the airport."

"She waited inside the terminal with her daughter for ages, trying to avoid the photographers outside."

"When her car pulled up Mel was in such a hurry to get away she left her luggage on the pavement."

"The driver came back to pick it up. The airport staff looked very confused."

Murphy divorced Nicole Mitchell Murphy, 38, four months ago after a 12-year marriage.

His spokesman said: "We do not comment on Mr Murphy's personal life."

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SPICY: Bo'Selecta spoof of Mel B



GOOD TIMES: Eddie with blonde-haired Mel

## Feisty

THIS is a very difficult time for Mel B.

The pregnant former Spice Girl has been publicly humiliated by her ex-boyfriend Eddie Murphy, claiming that her unborn child is not his.

My heart really goes out to her. No woman deserves this.



for slagging off Hollywood star's mother

# & NEW GIRLIE



Picture: GETTY IMAGES



OUT: Mel B arriving at LA airport yesterday and left Eddie with new love Tracey Edmonds

## lass doesn't deserve this



**JANE O'GORMAN**  
**AGONY AUNT**

What she must do now is concentrate on her own health and the health of her baby.

She should try not to let the

stress and media glare get to her. She's got to focus on putting the bad blood between her and Murphy to one side

and make her pregnancy her priority.

Typically, the Scary Spice Girl has always been feisty and strong - even when she split from ex-husband Jimmy Gulzar, she retained her dignity and her composure.

Sadly she'll now need to do

that all over again in order to ensure that she has a smooth pregnancy and a contented baby.

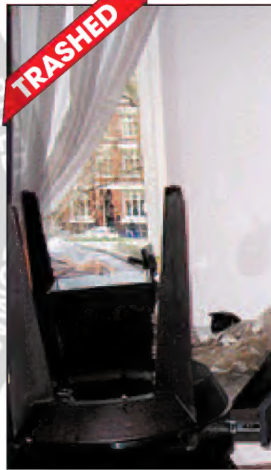
Something tells me she'll do it - and when her baby's blood test is finally done, she'll make damn sure she gets everything she's really, really entitled to.

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**TRAIL OF DESTRUCTION:** From far left, blood on sheets, a cracked mirror and pictures ripped off the wall after Doherty's one-night stay



# First pics of Pete's £10k hotel Shambles

**THESE** are the shocking pictures which show the trail of destruction left by junkie Pete Doherty at a top hotel.

In one shot, wrecked furniture lies mangled and strewn across the bed used by the Babyshambles loser before his £10,000 wrecking spree.

In another snap, a large floor-to-ceiling mirror at the swanky £200-a-night Malmeson Hotel in central London has been vandalised.

Filthy sheets, throws and soft furnishings – many soaked in blood and alcohol – are visible, wrapped in bags ready to be incinerated.

Pete, 27, checked into the room with a mystery woman last week, while his supermodel girlfriend Kate Moss, 32, was nowhere to be seen.

He set off the fire alarm, rowed with a wedding party and started a punch-up in the bar, egged on by pals.

Pictures were torn from the walls and curtains ripped down, while a plush stereo had a massive hole kicked into the side by potty Pete and his hangers-on.

A team of emergency builders were desperately trying to repair the damage

**EXCLUSIVE**

■ by EMMA WALL

yesterday – but the Daily Star managed to sneak past to get these exclusive shots.

Builders have painted over the blood-stained walls of the second floor room, but the door is still scratched and dented leaving the room unusable before next year.

A workman said: "He was drunk and just broke everything. The repair bill is going to be massive, but the hotel will make sure he pays for it all."

**Sick**

"The place was a total mess. We've already repainted, and shampooed the carpet that was soaked through with God knows what."

"There was blood everywhere, all over the walls and door."

Bosses at the exclusive hotel have been desperately trying to hush-up the rampage.

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## Marine dies in attack

■ by LAURA NEIL  
A ROYAL Marine has been killed and a second injured in a battle with Taliban fighters in Afghanistan.

An MoD spokesman said British forces were engaged in fighting in southern Helmand. He added: "Afghan and UK forces launched an operation on the outskirts of the village of Garmsir.

### Surgery

"It was to dislodge Taliban forces who have been responsible for several attacks on the town.

"The second Royal Marine has undergone surgery in hospital and is in a stable condition."

The victim's name is expected to be released today after relatives have been told.

## A jolly pour show

BRITAIN looks set for a wet rather than a white Christmas.

Weathermen say despite the threat of snow due to icy winds from Russia and Scandinavia, it's more likely to be soggy.

"December will continue to be mild and unsettled and above average rainfall is likely to continue through much of the month," said Met Office forecaster John Hammond yesterday.

"For winter as a whole, our estimates slightly favour average or above average levels of rain."

But a mild and wet December means 2006 will still be in the running to be the hottest year ever.

Temperatures reached 14C in eastern England yesterday compared to the average of 8C or 9C.

## Freed cons kill 98

CRIMINALS on probation have murdered almost 100 people in the past two years.

Home Office figures yesterday revealed there were 60 murders in 2004-05 and 38 in the following 12 months.

The number of rapes by offenders let out early rose to 106 compared to 18 in 1999.

In all there were 614 convictions for further serious offences such as attempted murder, sex crimes, manslaughter and armed robbery.

"It is a shocking indictment of Government failure across the board to protect the public," said Shadow Home Secretary David Davis.

"How long must the public pay the often lethal price of this failure?"

## Freeman avoids hell jail – now he faces TV chiefs

# RAPE RAP DALE STAR BEN GETS £25k BAIL

**EMMERDALE rape suspect Ben Freeman handed over £25,000 yesterday to buy himself out of Christmas in a Caribbean jail hellhole.**

■ by JERRY LAWTON

attends the next hearing. That would have seen him hauled off to share a cramped 20ft by 12ft cell with 25 violent villains.

But Freeman's lawyer Desmond Sands urged the court to allow the actor to return home to honour his Emmerdale filming commitments.

Freeman did not enter a plea, but Mr Sands said the star would be denying the charge.

Mr Nicholls eventually agreed to accept a personal £25,000 cheque as surety. Freeman is due to arrive in the UK later today.

At court the soap actor said: "I'm feeling fine."

But an Emmerdale insider said: "He can't wait to get home. It sounds like he's been through hell."

"He strongly denies he's done anything wrong."

Last night a TV insider said the actor would be called for crisis talks within 24 hours of arriving back.

He'll be accompanied by his agent and lawyers to a summit with producers and the show's legal team.

They won't make a final decision on his future on the show until after the court case. If he is convicted, Freeman could face a life sentence.

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### Jury

He had faced the prospect of ringing in the New Year with paedophiles, robbers and killers in notorious Harrison Point jail.

Yesterday he appeared in court in the capital Bridgetown for a preliminary hearing.

Chief magistrate Clyde Nicholls adjourned the case until March 15, when he will hear more evidence before deciding if there's enough to send Freeman for trial by jury.

The soap star could have been remanded in custody to ensure he

**HOMEWARD BOUND:** A relieved Ben Freeman after being released on bail by a Barbados court yesterday. The star headed off to fly back to the UK for talks with his Emmerdale bosses

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The Panasonic TV is on display at John Lewis.  
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The plasma screen is 103in (8.7ft) wide and weighs almost a quarter of a tonne (220kg).

The Panasonic TV – the only one in the country which costs £5,000 to install – went on display at John Lewis on London's Oxford Street at the weekend. It breaks the former

by TIM STEWART

record size for a TV by an inch. However, no one will be getting one of the tellys for Christmas.

They have to be ordered from Panasonic's factory in Japan and there is a three-month waiting list.

John Lewis spokesman John Kempner said: "There has been a battle among the brands to produce the world's biggest TV" and this is it."

But he added that the store was not expecting a flood of orders.

"I can't imagine many people will have the room or be able to afford it."

"It'll be someone with a huge house and a lot of money – perhaps a Premiership footballer."

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"But it is a stunning piece of technology."

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**A**T this time of the year everybody starts coming down with horrible illnesses.

Colds, flu, stomach bugs, hangovers – they're everywhere. But in the last few weeks I've fallen prey to the most horrible virus which is sweeping the country now: niceness.

Take the last series of I'm A Celebrity. Utterly fantastic viewing from beginning to end. And do you know why? Because it was almost unstintingly feel-good. Sure there were the odd pockets of nastiness. Basically the ones belonging to Scott Henshall. And though Phina got a bit rabid at times and Jan would get on your nits if you were stuck on a plane next to her, by and large this was real heartwarming stuff to watch.

This was because people you didn't have much time for before – David Gest, Myleene Klass and Jason Donovan – were shown to be genuine, good people.

How often in life is it the opposite? We're always reading about footballing heroes turning into psychotic rage monsters when they have a few shandies with their mates.

We learn that members of the clergy we're supposed to trust with our souls can't be trusted to keep their own Towers of Babel in their cassocks. And we know that most of our neighbours' idea of community spirit is looking the other way if we're getting mugged.

**M**aybe I'm getting old, but I would never have believed I would have enjoyed a show so much in which there was so little nastiness.

Maybe in these days of polonium poison on every street corner, our own reality is horrible enough that we like watching a show where the good triumph. A show in which – yes – bad things happen, but they involve ultra-safe bungee and snakes that don't bite. And unlike our reality, there's a Medic Bob on hand to save you.

It's not quite the same when you call a doctor here, is it?

Compare the last series of I'm A Celeb to the last series of Big Brother. Both the celebrity and non-celeb versions were filled with sordid, nasty gigs inflicting psychological torture upon their fellow human beings. And that's just the producers. I haven't even got to Michael Barrymore.

Look at this series of The X Factor – the three finalists all seem to be nice people, too. Mind you, that isn't a great example. Every contestant in The X Factor seems to be nice. It's not like Shayne Ward or Steve Brookstein were rampaging, egomaniacal psychopaths who strangled kittens in their spare time, although that would be one hell of a new image for Ward's next album.

In fact it's so bad that the only person I genuinely hate just now is myself. For being such a bloody sap. It's the only thing keeping me going.

### CALENDAR IS THE PITTS

I'VE only just stopped guffawing at the pictures from the spoof Celebrity Hunks Around The House calendar on gay website www.bent.com. It's difficult to know whether David Beckham or Prince William could sue because I don't know if it's actually illegal to use lookalikes.

One thing I can say is that if Brad Pitt is thinking of taking them to court then forget it, mate. Judging by the pics, I look more like you than the fellow they're using.



### That night a juke box saved my life

**T**ALKING of niceness, I've seen some amazing examples of the soothing nature of music in my life. I once accidentally wandered into the roughest bar in south Boston and discovered that I was the only guy in the place who DIDN'T have a facial scar. Seconds away from being stabbed/robbed/raped/a combination of all three, Outkast's Hey Ya! came on the jukebox and all these gang members started

smiling and singing along as I skipped into the toilet to change my underwear. A similar moment happened in Glasgow on Sunday night. In the Barrowlands there were some really hard looking blokes. They were the kind you would cross to the next postal district to avoid on a Friday night. Then the Magic Numbers came on and everyone started dancing like big girls. Magical stuff. The

NHS would save a fortune on antidepressants if they could simply dispense the Magic Numbers in pill form. It must be that time of the year because the night before I saw Morrissey play a blinding set at the SECC. My friend and colleague Joe Mott – who doesn't exactly share my love of The Moz – would be stunned to hear that he was smiling and cracking gags like Tommy Steele. It must be Xmas or something...

### Getting beyond a yolk...

**I**N an effort to distract anti-nuclear campaigners angered by Tony Blair's plans to stump up for three new Trident submarines, our leader has announced that he will cut the number of warheads by 20%. But how will he decide WHICH 20% to do away with? Seriously. These issues take a lot of time and effort to resolve. If I've slaved away over a hot core processor I don't want my work binned just like that. So what to do? I suggest having a decorating competition like you do with eggs at Easter. The top 80% best-decorated nuclear warheads stay in ser-

vice. Not that difficult to do because they're almost shaped like eggs. You could paint faces on them, add little feathers to make them look like birds and give them comedy teeth and hats. Or – like my mate Kirk once did at his dad's legendary Easter egg competition – paint one black, stick sunglasses on it and call it Malcolm Eggs.

## Stumped by this collapse

**I**F I hadn't seen it with my own eyes I wouldn't have believed it. England made nigh-on 600 runs in the first innings of the Second Test and still lost the match. For those who don't follow cricket, let me put it into perspective. It's like being 20-0 up at half-time then being beaten 21-20. At football. Not rugby. And I couldn't help but remember the following tale told by

the Beeb's constantly entertaining Test Match Special team on the radio, saying that after England's first innings the Aussie coach was asked what the hell his team would do in reply. "Make 750 then bowl them out for 150," he replied. That's not quite how they did it, but that's the kind of ballsy attitude you need to be a world-class sporting nation.

**I**SN'T it interesting that as much as Louis Walsh went on and on about how amazing the MacDonald Brothers were – as opposed to Eton Road – he DIDN'T publicly state on live telly that he would give the Scottish lads a recording contract?

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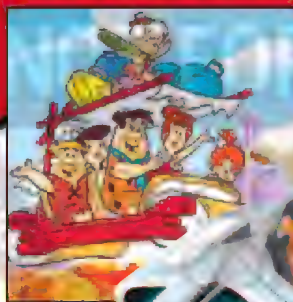
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■ **by SUE FOSTER**

motor. The chassis widens for added stability at speed.

■ The two-seat hybrid car features a removable bio-plastic body, wicker seats and a floor made of aluminium and

bamboo. The electric motor re-charges while the car is in pedal mode.

■ A spokesman for Toyota said: "The RLV could be a sign of what the future holds. We hope that this

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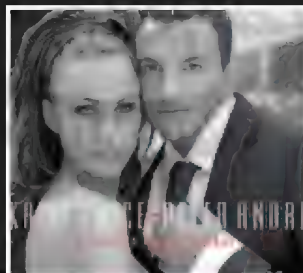
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# KATE'S JOY... JUST AS WE TOLD YOU I'm pregnant... and a little girl would be fantastic



CHARITY: Kate and Peter's new album

by NIGEL PAULEY

**LOVED-UP Kate Price confirmed last night what Daily Star readers knew two weeks ago - she's having a baby.**

Kate - alias Jordan, 28 - and husband Peter Andre officially announced the good news to *OK!* magazine.

The baby is due next summer, but Kate said: "I don't want to say too much as I'm not out of the woods and don't want to jinx anything."

"The reason I'm announcing it so early is I'm fed up with trying to hide it every time I'm pregnant."

"Because I had a miscarriage earlier this year I'm really scared. That's why I'm saying it earlier than I normally would."

Kate, who has two sons, Harvey, four - from her relationship with Dwight Yorke, 35 - and Junior, 18 months, with Pete, hinted that she would love a daughter.

## Fluke

"I don't care as long as it's healthy," she said. "But we'll keep trying till we get a girl anyway!"

Kate, who's busy plugging the pair's album and single *A Whole New World*, has been suffering badly from morning sickness.

She also claims she had no idea where the baby was conceived but said: "It must have been a bloody fluke."

"We've been so busy lately we haven't had much time to get down to it! I must be really fertile."

"I knew something was up because I was feeling tired and sick."

Happy Pete, 33, added: "I've been saying for ages that I want a baby for Christmas and it's come true! I was just so thrilled because of everything we went through with the miscarriage."

"I gave her a big hug and a snog."

Kate and Peter's album of duets *A Whole New World* is available in all good record stores now.

All money raised will go to the NSPCC, The Disability Foundation, Moorfields Eye Hospital (the Richard Desmond Children's Eye Centre), Vision, Norwood Children and Families First.

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**YUMMY TUMMY:** Happy Kate confirms she's expecting her third child

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## QUICKIE..

**CAT Deeley** has a crush on **Marilyn Manson**.

The 30-year-old, who presents US show *So You Think You Can Dance*, said: "There is always flirting, of course."

"Marilyn Manson did this whole hard-to-get thing at first and then became a bit, you know. I was dreading meeting him but he turned out to be nice. He was quite sexy too."

## QUICKIE..

**BRITTANY Murphy** is rumoured to be dating a top Hollywood hunk but she's keeping schtum because she thinks it'll jinx the affair.

The 29-year-old actress said: "One thing I did learn from my last relationship is not to speak about men any more."

"I used to be the sort of girl who would shout from the mountain tops about my latest love but I've learnt to be much more cautious."

## A Brody blow

WE'RE devastated - Seth and Summer have split up.

But don't worry fellow O.C. fans, it's only in real life. We hear **Adam Brody**, 26, and **Rachel Bilson's** characters still have a long way to go on screen. But sadly Bilson, 25, and Brody are apparently "done".

A source said: "They've been done for a few weeks. There's no drama. They just ended it."

Brody has been spotted at various LA clubs with his pals - and a few dozen admiring women.

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## TRIPLE GLAZED BEAUTS

**QUESTION:** What do you get when you combine the titans of two girl groups with eye-watering amounts of booze?

**Answer:** The mother of all hangovers and some hardcore shape-throwing, as **Girls Aloud** stars **Cheryl Cole**, 23, and **Kimberley Walsh**, 25, proved when they met up with **Sugababe Keisha Buchanan**, 22. The

trio descended upon London's hip Kabaret club for a girlie night out. And it was close to Weetabix time when they had finished strutting their stuff.

An insider said: "They left the club looking as polished as most people look at the start of the night. But their handbags were full of make-up."

The handbags are for dancing around, girls...

**WHO** would expect Posh to be refused entry to a bar and then have to queue up for 40 minutes... even if it IS in Hollywood?

But that's what happened to Victoria Beckham, who should've been greeted with a red carpet at Los Angeles's Polo Lounge.

Imagine the mortification it caused the poor lamb...

There she is, thinking she's taking Times Square by storm and planning to move down the street from her best friends, the Cruises.

There's a rumoured Beverly Hills clothing deal on the table, a handful of TV offers and then boom! "Sorry, madam, we don't know who you are."

And so it was that an ex-Spice Girl was turned away from a VIP lounge.

Posh, 32, was even forced to wait patiently on her unfeasibly high heels as a host of non-entities with bad facelifts traipsed past... for almost three quarters of an hour.

## Rumoured

Our source explained: "The Polo Lounge was full and Victoria queued, very politely as it happened, then asked the doorman if she could go in."

"She was rumoured to be meeting a buyer from the hip Kitson boutique."

"The doorman said she'd have to leave or wait until the place emptied, but then Victoria pointed out that she'd been there before, 'with the Cruises'."

"The guy's face paled and he obviously remembered who she was. It's a credit to her that she was polite and didn't pull the celebrity routine."

And we don't blame her. Vic, right, could become a cult designer if she works with Kitsons, which is so hot it has a VIP fast lane. And we know that Posh won't be queueing THERE...



## HUSH HUSH

**WHICH** celebrity is so convinced that he's God's representative on earth that he's fly-posting his community with leaflets proclaiming this fact? His calm behaviour masks a well-formed delusion that he's the chosen one. You'd think his films would have been better if this was the case.

## SPOTTED

**IN** London: **David Walliams** on a taxi bike on Dean Street; **Claudia Schiffer** in Regent's Park; **Penny Lancaster** buying decorations from Harrods; **John Barrowman** telling a filthy anecdote at the Groucho Club; **Donny Tourette** hailing a cab outside Koko, Camden.

HAVE YOU GOT SOME JUICY GOSSIP FOR US?





**FLIRTY Pamela Anderson** allowed her ex-husband Tommy Lee to play with her bum, days after giving estranged husband Kid Rock, 35, the bum's rush. She and Kid ended their four-month marriage last week. The mucky Barbie, 39, reunited with former Motley Crue star Tommy, 44, to cheer on their two sons Brandon, 10, and Dylan, eight, in a Malibu football game. Our curtain twitcher said: "Tommy's always been in the background. She went out with Kid, then returned to Tommy, then she married Kid. There's a pattern." "Don't pawn that wedding ring just yet Pam."



Picture: BIG PICTURES



## BEYONCE POSE THE REAL PITS

**BEYONCE Knowles** wasn't looking Crazy in Love at her Dreamgirls film premiere... she was just looking plain crazy. The bootlicious sassbucket, 25, was so impressed by this - admittedly sexy - pose at the New York shindig, that she walked around doing it all evening. Poor Beyoncé ended up looking like a deranged teapot by the end of the night. But judging by this foxy snap, all the pain paid off.

Picture: FAMOUS PICTURES



Picture: REUTERS

**YOU'D** think that dating Justin Timberlake would make you aware of the potential pitfalls of the "wardrobe malfunction", but apparently not... In fact, Cameron Diaz nearly embarrassed herself as much as Just, 25, at the Superbowl by attending the UK premiere of The Holiday in this disastrous dress. The 34-year-old tomboy looked ill at ease as she attempted to cover her chesticles during the obligatory walk up the red carpet in London's West End. But at least it was just in front of us rather than the po-faced Yanks.

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## Caught with pants down

A SUSPECTED shoplifter was caught with her pants down as she tried escaping store staff over a seven foot fence. Two supermarket workers grabbed hold and left her red faced as her trousers slid to her knees – revealing she'd gone commando!

Sharp-eyed Martin Carney, 38, took this hilarious picture from his window – 150 yards from Sumerfield's store in Exeter, Devon. The woman was arrested and will appear in court.



## Firm boss in footie brawl

by ELIZABETH TURNER  
A WEALTHY executive lost his jet-set lifestyle when he turned into a football thug during a mass punch-up.

Aston Villa fan Darron Brough, 41, was a director of a metal fabrication firm when caught on camera brawling after a game against West Brom in 2004.

Brough, who lived in a pent-house, was jailed for 15 months and banned from all matches for seven years.

Brough, of Aldridge, West Mids, was a director of Cannock firm Metalline Services, when he was identified on CCTV footage as "the topless man" after a rival thug ripped off his shirt during a violent clash between 60 yobs.

He stepped down from his position after he was jailed.

At his trial, the jury heard how Brough's marriage had broken down around the time of the incident and that "bravado and drink" had made him do "the macho thing".

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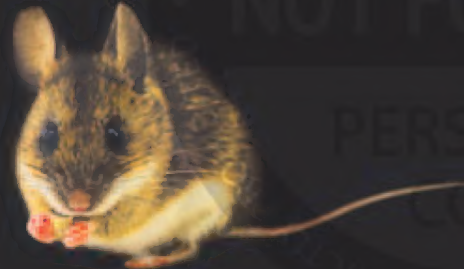
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# COL & WAYNE'S XMAS DONER..

**GOOD CALL:** Wayne on the phone yesterday



**SEXY Coleen McLoughlin plans to chav it large this Christmas - by tucking into a greasy kebab.**

Party girl Coleen has advised fans to round off a night on the tiles with the take-away nosh.

The tip is part of Liverpool lass Col's survival guide for a perfect party season.

Coleen, 20, said:

"I do have the occasional kebab on the way home, but I do try to remember how bloated I'll feel the next day if I do."

Pretty Coleen, who is engaged to soccer wonder boy Wayne Rooney, 21, has come up with her top ten

by MARIANNA PARTASIDES

tips to help party girls across the country enjoy the next month in style - just like her.

The WAG's No.1 pointer for girls is to get their eyelashes dyed to avoid embarrassing panda eyes.

She opts for low-calorie mixers like diet coke with her favourite tiple vodka.

But she forgets the diet when it comes to a late-night snack.

**Col's top ten:** 1 Dye eyelashes to avoid mascara smudges. 2 Keep hair in shape with a professional blow dry.

3 Pinky-red lipstick makes teeth look whiter. 4 Take socks off two hours before changing outfits to avoid elastic marks. 5 Wedges are easier to walk in than heels. 6 A super wide belt can glam up a plain tunic dress. 7 Drink low-calorie mixers with spirits. 8 Eat unsalted nuts or corn crisps like Quavers. 9 Delight in a Doner. 10 Have fun!

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**A LITTLE PITA PARADISE:** Coleen has told fans to munch on a kebab this Christmas

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## Pink's swell for leather

THANK you Pink for not following the current celeb trend of no undies – or else the crowd at Wembley Arena would have seen a lot more of the superstar than expected. The 27-year-old performed at the first G-A-Y night there. The club evening for gay people is usually held at the Astoria in London.

But as it's due to be sold, the organisers are trying out a replacement venue. So no need to pack away the fishnets yet Pink...

Picture: PICTURES UNLIMITED

## Tom's not Sorry

**TOM Fletcher** is feeling in a cheeky mood. My snapper caught the **McFly** singer, 21, hanging out on the balcony of London's swish Dorchester Hotel where he sipped water and flashed a V sign. McFly will enter the Christmas No1 race by releasing Sorry's Not Good Enough on December 18 – but face tough competition from The X Factor winner.



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# Silly

## Pete and Amy jazz things up

**THE two biggest caners in the pop world are going to collaborate.**

Potty **Pete Doherty** and boozy **Amy Winehouse** are finalising plans to join forces in the studio to make sweet, sweet music together.

We're big Winehouse fans on the Hot column and have got plenty of time for Pete, 27, when he does manage to put his pipe down and pluck his guitar.

The unlikely alliance are currently furiously scouring their respective diaries in order to pencil in recording sessions.

Pete's keen to tackle songs from one of the jazz world's greatest ever singers – **Billie Holiday**.

### Blues

Talk about buying your own rope to hang yourself with.

Still, if anyone can give the grande dame of blues justice it's the extravagantly talented Ms Winehouse.

However Amy, 23, has other plans.

She explained: "Pete wanted to do a Billie Holiday cover and I was like, 'No, let's write something together'."

"I like writing songs. He's an amazing songwriter and I'd love to be able to say that I wrote a song with Pete Doherty."

Amy came to the attention of the **Babysambles** commander after he was given a copy of her new album *Back To Black*.

Fortuitously both of them enjoy the odd sherbert or 17 in and around various boozers in north London.

My source told me: "Pete and Amy have formed a bit of a mutual appreciation society."

"It's early stages and they're still hammering out on what label the new material will come out on."

"But, time permitting, they'll be in the studio early next year."

● Billie Holiday, born Eleanor Fagan, is widely credited as one of the greatest jazz singers ever.

She battled booze and heroin addictions. Five days before she died in 1959 she was arrested in her hospital bed on drugs charges.

■ A TALENTED group of 13-year-olds have won a competition to play XFM's Winter Wonderland in Manchester this Friday.

Listen at [www.myspace.com/thebillionbabies](http://www.myspace.com/thebillionbabies) or check them supporting the **Manic Street Preachers** and **Little Man Tate** ahead of their debut single release in March.



BIG HOLIDAY PLANS: Pete, above, and Amy

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Few understand the essential recipe for male vocal pop but despite being together for less than a year, **Dyyce** show promise. I can happily say after seeing a string of shoddy manufactured troupes, these boys tick all the boxes.

Those being: Pretty faces, nice hair, ability to sing live and dance skills. In that order for a reason – to make girls swoon.

I Will Love You Always has a **Backstreet Boys** edge while Beautiful could easily be a **Blue** number.

Roll on the New Year and let's see how Dyyce fair.

**KIM DAWSON**

## hot PROFILE

## Kate Nash

BY the time **Kate Nash's** debut single comes out in February she'll be fed up with comparisons to **Lily Allen**, 21. So let this be the last time we mention it.

This soon-to-be-massive 19-year-old sprang to attention after Allen placed her at the top of her friends list on MySpace, and with very

good reason. Limited edition seven-inch track *Caroline's A Victim* is a dazzling slice of stripped down block-rocking hip hop. Meanwhile, the B-side *Birds* is a deft, contemplative acoustic ditty.

Nash is playing Notting Hill Arts Club tomorrow and it'll be the last time in a venue that's so small.



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